

Remarks

Claims 1-17 are now pending in this application. Applicant has amended claims 1-10 and presented new claims 11-17 to clarify the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application.

The objection to the drawings is no longer relevant since the claims no longer recite a propeller. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

The Examiner stated that claims 3 and 4 recite allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite the subject matter of claim 3. Also, Applicant presents new claim 17, which recites the subject matter of claims 1 and 4. All dependent claims depend from claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant submits that all pending claims are allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent 4,817,554 to Prestenbach in view of U.S. patent 5,638,908 to Matsumoto. The Examiner rejected claims 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prestenbach in view of Matsumoto and further in view of U.S. patent 4,021,873 to Francois. The Examiner rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Prestenbach in view of Matsumoto and Francois and further in view of further in view of U.S. patent 6,918,801 to Wilson, Jr. and U.S. patent 6,921,304 to Hewitt. These rejections are no longer relevant since only claims that the Examiner states recite allowable

subject matter are pending. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of these rejections.

In conclusion, Applicant submits that this case is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance.

If an interview would advance the prosecution of this case, Applicant urges the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,

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